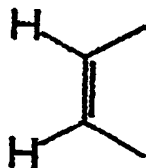


represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



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Het represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

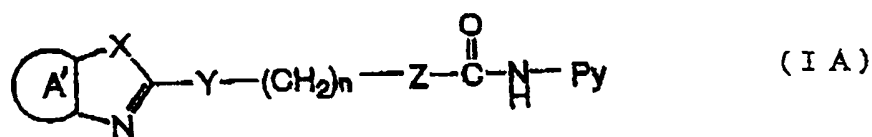
Y represents $-NR_4-$, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

10. (twice amended) The compounds according to claim 9, which are represented by the formula (IA)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of;

Py represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents $-NR_4-$, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

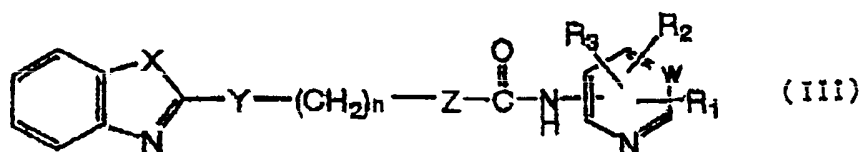
Z represents a single bond;

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

11. (twice amended) The compounds according to claim 9, which are represented by the formula (III)



wherein, W represents =CH-;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR₄-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

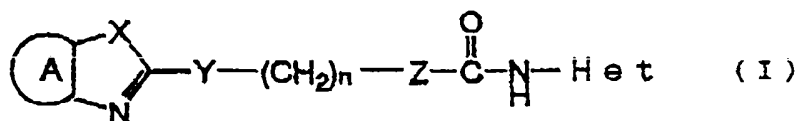
Z represents a single bond;

R₁, R₂, and R₃ are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a sulfonamide group, a lower alkylthio group or an optionally substituted amino group, or two of R₁, R₂, and R₃, together form an alkylenedioxide group, provided that R₁, R₂ and R₃ are not hydrogen at the same time;

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

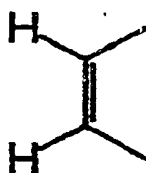
12. (twice amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and at least one compound selected from the compounds represented by the formula (I)



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



Het represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

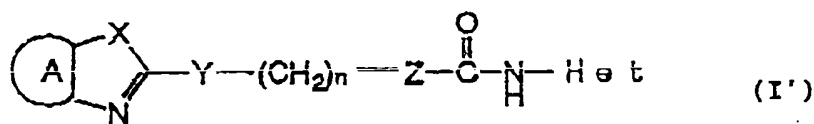
Z represents a single bond;

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

14. (amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 or 13, which is a remedy or a medication for preventing hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease or aortic aneurysm.

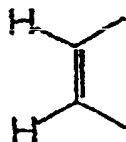
15. (twice amended) A method for treating hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease or aortic aneurysm by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a compound of the formula (I')



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:



Het represents substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR₄-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

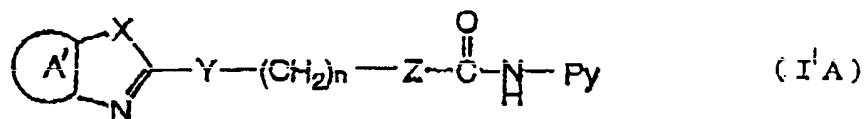
Z represents a single bond;

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 1 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

16. (twice amended) The method of claim 15 wherein a compound of formula (I'A) is administered



wherein



represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene;

Py represents an optionally substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR₄-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

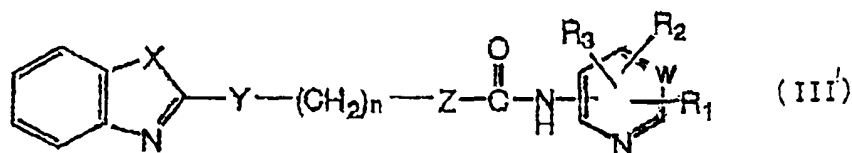
Z represents a single bond;

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group;

n is an integer of from 1 to 15,

or salts or solvates thereof.

17. (twice amended) The method of claim 15 wherein a compound of formula (III') is administered



wherein, W represents =CH-,

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR₄- an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

R₁, R₂, and R₃ are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a